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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6747**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 150

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 23, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 16, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Tort Claims Against the State.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Bray

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Weinzapfel

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires a person who brings a tort claim against the state to file notice with the Attorney General within 270 days after the action accrues.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill could aid the Attorney General in the settlement of claims against the state in so far as it will assist in the Attorney General's timely receipt of notice of these claims. (Current law allows a claimant to file notice either with the Attorney General or the state agency involved.)

*Background Information:* The Office of the Attorney General reports that \$3.3 M was paid in FY 2002 as a result of tort claims submitted and tort claim lawsuits filed against the State. This amount includes tort claims paid at the time of claim submission, settlements upon the filing of lawsuits, and claims paid as a result of a court order. It also includes cases in both federal and state court.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Office of the Attorney General.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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